

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 90 [PROP. 90 OPPOSITION ARGUMENT]

The handful of wealthy landowners that paid to put Prop. 90 on the ballot are trying a classic bait and switch on California voters.

They want you to believe Prop. 90 is about eminent domain. That's the bait. But hidden in the fine print of the measure is the trap – a far-reaching section unrelated to eminent domain that would lead to huge new costs for *all California taxpayers*.

Prop. 90 would change California's constitution to enable large landowners and corporations to demand huge payouts from state and local taxpayers just by *claiming* a law has harmed the value of their property or business – no matter how important the law may be or far-fetched the claim.

According to William G. Hamm, formerly California's nonpartisan legislative analyst, "PROP. 90 could require BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN NEW TAXPAYER COSTS EACH YEAR, if communities and the state continue to pass or enforce basic laws to protect neighborhoods, limit unwanted development, protect the environment, restrict unsavory businesses and protect consumers."

With no limit on the total costs, Prop. 90 traps taxpayers into signing a *blank check*. We all pay, while large landowners and corporations reap windfall payouts.

Here's an example of how the "taxpayer trap" works:

If local voters pass a measure to limit a new development to 500 houses – instead of 2,000 houses that a developer *wants* to build – under Prop. 90, the developer could demand a payment for the value of the remaining 1,500 houses. Even if local community services and infrastructure would be strained by the larger development, Prop. 90 would put taxpayers at risk for payment.

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Prop. 90 is not just limited to land-use laws. Read the official analysis. Statewide consumer protection laws, restrictions on telemarketing, and worker protections would all trigger new demands for payouts.

As a result, Prop. 90 would lead to thousands of expensive lawsuits that would tie up our courts and result in added bureaucracy and red tape.

The cost of these lawsuits and payouts would rob local communities of billions of dollars in limited resources that fund fire and police protection, paramedic response, schools, traffic congestion relief and other vital services. That's why the CALIFORNIA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, and CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION oppose Prop. 90.

PROP. 90 *would trap taxpayers in a LOSE-LOSE situation.* If communities act to protect their quality of life, taxpayers could be forced to make huge payouts. Or, if communities couldn't afford the payouts, basic quality-of-life protections simply couldn't be enacted. That's why conservation groups, including the CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS and the PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE, warn the measure would drastically limit our ability to protect California's coastline, open spaces, farmland, air and water quality.

For more information on Prop. 90, visit www.NoProp90.com.

When you vote, please join groups representing California taxpayers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, educators, small businesses, land conservationists, the environment and homeowners.

Say NO to the TAXPAYER TRAP. Vote NO on PROPOSITION 90.

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